Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023 at 02:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for timing of rain clearance on Wednesday morning. Otherwise high for changeable and showery weather for the rest of this week. High for a drier day on Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 20 Sep 2023: Very windy with scattered showers or longer spells of rain.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
50%	40%	40%	40%	50%	50%

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Weather: Outbreaks of rain, occasionally heavy, will clear away by mid-morning. Then the day will see bright intervals and a few passing showers. Showers will be most frequent and occasionally heavy in the afternoon and evening with a chance of thunder. Some longer spells of rain are likely to develop across northern Lochaber and Skye. Sutherland and Caithness seeing the best of the dry weather, but wet weather may develop here in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres at first, this lifting and breaking to patches down to 800 metres by mid-morning. However low cloud will linger across Skye and northern Lochaber throughout the day, and extend northwards across Wester Ross and Sutherland in the afternoon and evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	34/40 S	24/29 S	31/40 S	43/55 S	35/47 SW	46/59 SW	43/55 SW
900	32/38 S	22/27 S	30/39 S	41/54 S	34/45 SW	44/56 SW	41/53 SW
600	23/29 S	15/21 S	23/31 S	30/43 S	24/36 SW	32/44 SW	29/41 SW
300	5/27 SW	3/19 S	8/30 S	13/41 S	10/35 SW	10/42 SW	10/39 SW
Glen	9/23 S	9/21 S	13/27 S	21/40 S	15/31 SW	20/39 SW	16/35 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	9/4	8/4	7/1	6/-1	6/-1	4/-4	3/-4
900	10/5	9/5	8/2	7/0	6/0	4/-3	4/-3
600	11/7	11/8	10/6	9/4	8/4	7/1	6/1
300	12/12	12/12	12/11	11/8	10/8	9/6	9/6
Glen	14/13	15/14	15/12	13/10	12/10	11/8	11/8
Freezing Level*	2500m	2500m	2000m	2000m	1900m	1600m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Gales, or even storm force summit winds across the highest tops, will lead slow progress and a risk of being blown over. Drenching conditions will also develop in any rain along with notable wind chill.

Forecast for Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Weather: After a bright start in the south there will be a fair amount of cloud through the day with showers or occasionally longer spells of rain. Very windy on the summits with notable wind chill.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds average speeds of 30 mph with gusts to 40 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance around the Great Glen

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 700 to 900 metres through the day, this most persistent across the west of the area

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 16 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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